

Increase environmental progress by practicing the 'art of the possible'

Principles of "a better way"

- Reward results, not programs
- Collaboration, not polarization
- Lead with science and technology
- Markets before mandates
- Solutions transcend political boundaries
- Assure compliance, enforce the law
- Science for facts, process for priorities
- Consider benefits and costs
- Change a heart, change a nation



Looking ahead 300 days

"I am committed to making the next 300 days a period of remarkable environmental progress benefiting this and future generations - one that we will look back on with great pride. The plan engages our stakeholders as Region 6 uses innovation, partnership and mutual cooperation to speed environmental progress while strengthening our economy."

-- Richard E. Greene

Clean the air

- ▶ Improve region's air by working with states to complete clean air plans and permits

Restore and protect the water

- ▶ Ensure public drinking water rules are implemented
- ▶ Provide leadership in approaches to restore watersheds and coastal waters

Recycle and renew polluted land

- ▶ Make land available for reuse at contaminated sites
- ▶ Target assessment and cleanup activities for major urban redevelopment
- ▶ Resolve waste management problems at facilities

Make compliance our enforcement objective

- ▶ Apply consistent and certain enforcement to sustain compliance
- ▶ Prioritize air enforcement decisions in nonattainment areas
- ▶ Make enforcement decisions focusing on desired environmental benefit
- ▶ Identify potential responsible parties to address cleanup and redevelopment

Protect America with innovative approaches to environmental problem-solving

- ▶ Champion common-sense approaches and emerging technologies to solve environmental challenges
- ▶ Promote water and energy conservation
- ▶ Implement regional strategy for management of decentralized wastewater treatment
- ▶ Promote use of supplemental environmental projects to benefit local communities

Develop collaborative networks

- ▶ Address state-specific priorities and objectives
 - Nonattainment areas
 - Air toxics & mercury
 - Impaired waters & nonpoint source pollution
 - Small community public water supply systems
 - New monitoring methods
- ▶ Assist Tribes to develop capacity to run effective programs
- ▶ Provide leadership through the Region 6 multi-agency collaboration on Tar Creek
- ▶ Promote regional collaborations of national significance in the Gulf of Mexico region
- ▶ Empower citizens with good science, sound data and ready access to decision makers
- ▶ Work with partner agencies to expedite review of energy permits

Help protect the security of America

- ▶ Ensure preparedness through incident command and routine exercises
- ▶ Provide assistance and resources to secure safety of our water and air
- ▶ Strengthen workforce protection, continuity of operations plans and facilities

Capitalize on the convening powers of the US to improve the environment along the Mexico Border

- ▶ Convene a summit on colonias in New Mexico
- ▶ Reduce untreated waste in the Rio Grande
- ▶ Promote riparian restoration in the Rio Grande basin
- ▶ Support Mexico's environmental protection initiatives

Manage resources wisely

- ▶ Create a comprehensive regional *People Plan* which values and rewards our diverse and talented workforce
- ▶ Champion a mechanism to bring forward continuous improvements, new ideas and recognize employee contributions
- ▶ Plan and prepare for the future by aligning our workforce to address priorities
- ▶ Expand environmental justice and cross-cultural awareness for EPA employees
- ▶ Demonstrate leadership in e-government and grants management